

(Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar) [28th March 1963]

not want them to teach the second language. Educational problems are always mixed up with two things. One of them is the question of the future of teachers which is a very important thing. That is not the only thing which the State should consider. Alternative methods of utilising their services must be found. If you want real improvement in the standards of teaching and the efficiency of the schools, we should go ahead and do it from now on by getting the equipment for the schools and gradually raising the standard. If in a limited sphere in the University we are able to get conditions which are not dissimilar between an urban college and a rural college, I do not see why within a period of time, at any rate, these schools should not be upgraded. I know it is a very difficult thing. As a matter of fact, we are now spending about Rs. 28 crores on education. It is a good slice. But I do feel that education is the best investment. We do not need a gold standard if you get good education. That is gold worth many times more than the smuggled gold that you get. I would say that the more you lay stress on quality in education the better.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN : We will continue the discussion to-morrow. The House will now adjourn and meet again at 3 p.m. to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.

III.—PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

* 176. Notification issued with G.O. Press No. 439, Revenue, dated 30th January 1963, regarding exemption from the tax payable under the Madras General Sales Tax Act, 1959 (Madras Act I of 1959) of the sale of goods by any dealer to bona fide foreign tourists.

* 177. Notification issued with G.O. Press No. 494, Revenue, dated 4th February 1963, exempting the Khadi Department of the Madras State Khadi and Village Industries Board from the tax payable under the Madras General Sales Tax Act in respect of the purchases of cotton made for distribution to the spinners attached to the Khadi Department and for supply to the Education Department.

* 178. Notification issued with G.O. Ms. No. 141, Industries, Labour and Co-operation (Labour), dated 8th January 1963, regarding amendment to the Madras Industrial Establishments (National and Festival Holidays) Rules, 1959.

† 179. Short review of the activities of Departments under the administrative control of Home Department for the half-year ending 30th June 1962.

* 180. Pamphlet on 'Housing' in Madras State, 1962-63.

† 181. Report on the activities of the Medical and Public Health Departments for the half year ended 30th June 1962.

* Laid on the table of the House on 25th March 1963.

† Kept in the library for perusal by Members.